Hospital Peer Review 1991 Index

Abuse
Joint Commission expands definition to include adults, spouses, JUN:96

Access to health care
AHA board chairman claims 'cracks' in system are widening, JUL:116

Admitting
hospital cuts signatures required, DEC:186

Adult day care
Medicare, Medicaid reimbursement prospects improving, APR:60

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research
misses clinical guidelines deadline, APR:68

Ambulatory electrocardiographic monitoring
guidelines issued by Blues, JUN:94

Ambulatory surgery
quality questions, NOV:172

American Hospital Association
report shows LOS shortest in 17 years, NOV:175

American Medical Association
attacks 'black boxes,' AUG:120
claims wide variability in PRO reviews, MAY:69
letter regarding 'black boxes,' OCT:160
says PRO criteria doesn't match practice parameters, MAY:71

American Medico-Legal Foundation
to provide peer review for small hospitals, APR:66

Case management
integration with discharge planning saves hospital money, helps elderly, APR:61

Cardiac surgery
experienced surgeons have lower mortality rates, FEB:32

Centralized credentialing
a growing trend, OCT:145

Clinical guidelines
AHCPR misses deadline for release, APR:68
tips for developing, SEP:133

Computerized patient records
funding presents major hurdle, JUL:99
IOM sees widespread use in 10 years, JUL:97
should boost QA/QI efforts, JUL:100

Computer software
IOM sees CPR use increasing in 10 years, JUL:97
QA/UR/RM credentialing for rural hospitals, JUN:85

Continuous quality improvement
can be used without hospitalwide adoption, SEP:139
can help overcome physician fear of peer review, MAR:46
communication is key for CCUs, MAR:36
future belongs to, NOV:161
graphs, charts enhance efforts, SEP:137
HCFA urges PROs to adopt, JAN:4
hospital blends with M&E, JUN:84
how to avoid phony gurus, APR 53
Joint Commission manual embraces, SEP:129
Joint Commission myths refuted, JUN:81
Joint Commission uses to cut report times, FEB:31
may change 'prisoner treatment' of patients, MAY:74
NAQAP urges integration with QA, MAR:48
QA professionals must begin, JUN:87
QA professionals should integrate into M&E, JAN:16
statistical control models can assess, AUG:125
tips on determining if hospital is ready, JUL:114
to be emphasized in Joint Commission manual, AUG:121
tools for, JUN:89
use of tools can help QA, JUL:102

Data
better systems needed for CQI, DEC:177

Discharge planning
accreditation important consideration, JUL:107
begin early for outpatients, OCT:151
beware of home health agency incentives, APR:55
certification being offered, OCT:154
home care is cost-effective, OCT:153
inadequate for Medicare patients, OCT:147
integrating case management saves money, APR:61
more innovative options available, OCT:148
nursing home clearing services offered, JAN: 7
OBRA '90 should ease woes, JAN:10
political advocacy can pay off, JUL:106
TQM can improve the process, JUL:109
warn elderly of Medicare/Medigap problems, JAN:13

Doxorubicin
usage criterion clarified, MAY:77

Economic credentialing
more hospitals using, NOV:167

Ellison, Jeanette
long-time *HPR* editor dies, NOV:176

Generic screens
those who criticize use overlook facts, experts claim, JUL:113

Healthcare Financial Management Association
takes issues with Rand Corp. quality report, FEB:32

Health Care Financing Administration
drops certain reviews, MAR:39
expands centers of excellence program to liver transplants, OCT:144
funds quality study in multispecialty clinics, JUN:96
issues pressure mattress criteria, JUL:107
says PROS can notify hospitals about substandard physician findings, AUG:128
to give PROs more information, MAY:78
urges PROs to adopt CQI, JAN:4

HIV
California Medical Association opposes testing, removing privileges, MAR:35
health care worker tests unwarranted, experts say, MAR:33

Home health care
how to assess different agencies, APR:58
Medicare benefit may be expanded, OCT:153
some firms' incentives may be illegal, APR:55

Information systems
demand better controls, OCT:156

Institute of Medicine
sees computerized patient records in 10 years, JUL:97

InterStudy
launches outcomes project, MAY:80

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
awards four with commendation, JUN:91
creates 'with commendation' category, JUN:92
embraces CQI in '92 manual, SEP:129
expands abuse standards to adults, spouses, JUN:96
issues greatly revised manual, SEP:132
myths refuted, JUN:81
output indicators project moving along, NOV:164
releases hospital performance data, JAN:20
requires quality educational services, MAY:75
survey says performance improving, JUL:116
surveys will change under key functions, OCT:142
to emphasize CQI in '92 manual, AUG:121
urges respect for patients' concerns, MAY:74
using CQI to reduce report times, FEB:31
wants smoking prohibited in hospitals, JUN:96

Joint ventures
Florida hospital loses antitrust case, APR:57

Journal of the American Medical Association
reports surgeons' volume key to deaths, FEB: 32
study shows uninsured have higher death rates, MAR:48

Length of stay
shortest in 17 years, AHA says, NOV:175
study shows too long for CPD patients, NOV:175

Malpractice
study counters QI philosophy, DEC:187

Medicaid
adult day care reimbursement improving, APR:60
state agencies must report adverse actions to physician licensing boards, JAN:20

Medical staff services department
analyze personnel requirements, SEP:135
depends on QA for support, MAR:37

Medicare
A-B link denial letters going out, JAN:18
adult day care reimbursement improving, APR:60
discharge planners should warn elderly of Medigap problems, JAN:13
hospitals should appeal PRO denials, DEC:180
photocopying case settled, AUG:128

Monitoring and evaluation
hospital blends CQI with, JUN:84
QA professional should integrate with CQI, JAN:16

National Association of Healthcare Quality
new name of NAQAP, NOV:161

National Association of Quality Assurance Professionals
issues paper urging QI integration with QA, MAR:48
QACB conducts job survey, NOV:175
releases certification exam results, JUL:116
changes name to NAHQ, NOV:162

National Practitioner Data Bank
alleged flaws raise anxiety, JAN:5
fees expected to increase, APR:68
fees required with requests, JUN:96
fees to triple to $6, MAY:80

Nursing home bed
clearing services, JAN:7

Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990
expands HIV service coverage, JAN:13
expands Medicaid coverage, JAN:12
should ease discharge planning woes: JAN:10

Output indicators
first Joint Commission comparisons expected soon, NOV:164

Patient cards
predicted in general use by 1994, JUN:96

Patients
anti-dumping law poses dangers, JUL:103
dumping claims affect more than Medicare, JUL:105
hospitals should stop treating like prison inmates, MAY:72

Peer review
knowledge of outcomes can affect, JUN:95
provided for small hospitals, APR:66

Peer review committees
about to be deluged with practice parameters, FEB:21
Supreme Court decision exacerbates fears, AUG:117

Peer review organizations
adopting name NuPRO, JAN: 1
AMA claims criteria doesn't adhere to practice parameters, MAY:71
AMA claims review variability, MAY:69
corrective action plans given more teeth, JAN:20
denials based on physicians' judgement, JAN:20
fourth contract should make them more helpful, MAY:78
hospitals should appeal denials, DEC:180
UCDS major thrust of fourth scope, NOV:163
IG's PRO payment plan attacked, MAR:42
preprocedure, readmission reviews dropped, MAR:39
UCDS implementation timetable announced, JAN: 3
urged by HCFA to adopt CQI, JAN:4

Practice parameters
AMA claims PRO criteria doesn't match, MAY:71
a mixed bag available, FEB:21
could reduce malpractice problems, FEB:24
more lists, directories available, FEB:27
payment decisions will be linked to, FEB:25

Quality assurance
communications key to CCUs, MAR:36
departments must learn to work with medical staff services, MAR:37
has role in '92 Joint Commission manual, SEP:129
Joint Commission myths refuted, JUN:81
set realistic productivity standards, AUG:123
should link with cancer program quality efforts, FEB:28
volunteer services should be included, MAR:42
won't go away, NOV:162

Quality assurance certification board
conducts job analysis study, NOV:175

Quality Standards in Medicine
reduces its prices, FEB:32

Rand Corporation
report on quality after PPS is attacked, FEB:32

Rationing of health care
Democrats announce HealthAmerica plan, AUG:128

Spath, Patrice L.
ambulatory surgery quality questions, NOV:172
education critical to Joint Commission standards, MAY:75
get a head start on CQI, JUN:87
graphs and charts enhance QI efforts, SEP:137
hospital's cancer program should be linked with QA department, FEB:28
new information systems demand controls, OCT:156
QA professionals should integrate CQI with M&E, JAN:16
QI tools can be used before TQM installed, JUL:102
trauma centers offer opportunities, DEC:181
UR should compile inappropriate utilization reports, APR:63
use statistical control models to assess QI, AUG:125
volunteer services quality program easy to implement, MAR:42

Streptokinase
said best treatment for myocardial infarction, MAY:80

Supreme Court, U.S.
broadens anti-trust rules to include physician privileging, AUG:117
rules Blues must defend preadmission certification requirement, MAR:48

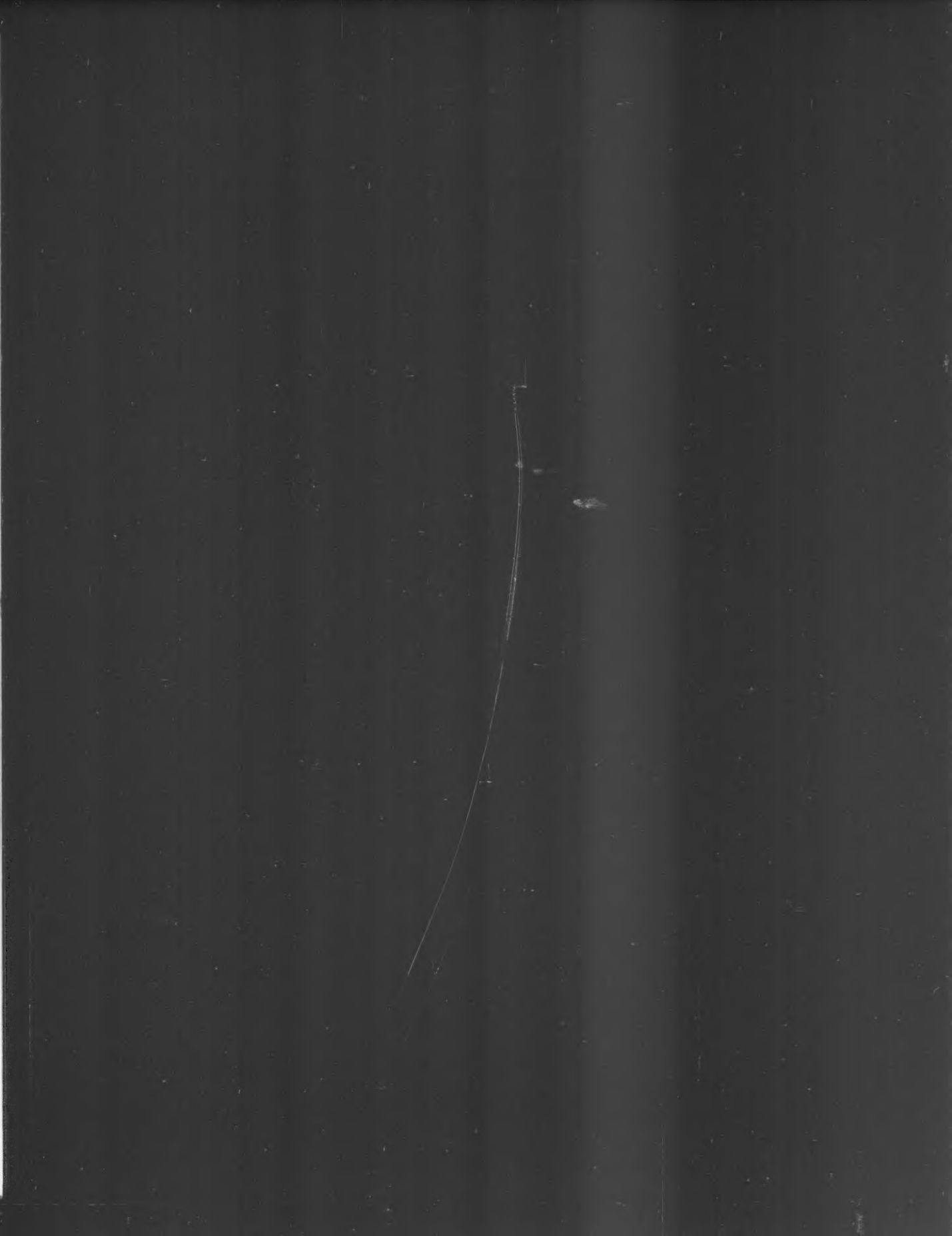
Total quality management
can improve discharge planning, JUL:109
how to avoid phony gurus, APR:53

Trauma centers
offer CQI improvement opportunities, DEC:181

Uniform Clinical Data Set
software available to hospitals, APR:49
to reduce reviews to 10%, MAR:39
Wisconsin PRO evaluates, APR:52
will reduce volume of reviews, NOV:163

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
considers lumping fees, APR:68
to study physician 'hassle factor,' MAY:80

Utilization management
hospitals using carrot, stick, NOV:167
sell doctors as physician resource, JAN:18
set realistic productivity standards, AUG:123
UR should compile reports on inappropriate utilization, APR:63
UR should prove worth to CEO, NOV:170

Waste
Harvard researchers claim U.S. system loses $100 billion annually to bureaucracy, JUL:116

Need back issues? Call our order department at (800) 688-2421; inside Georgia, (404) 262-7436.
Copyright © 1991 American Health Consultants. Editor: Warren Causey.